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NEW FOOD BILL IS A FIZZLE; PEOPLE GET NO RELIEF FROM GRAFTERS IN NECESSITIES

Gives Loudly Acclaimed Commission No Power to Do Good.

IT CAN "INVESTIGATE." Defeat of Substitute for Wicks Bill Predicted—Accomplishes Nothing.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

The new Wicks bill, which has practically been re-written, is likely to follow the fate of the former one, which met with such vigorous opposition, since its effectiveness is doubted on all sides.

A few weeks ago the Housewives' Protective Association, in co-operation with John Dillon, Commissioner of Foods and Markets, suggested several provisions to be put into the new measure that would actually accomplish something toward reducing the high cost of living—a condition that has grown intolerable—and the public clamors for direct action in a clearly defined statute.

Some of these provisions would have established wholesale terminal markets, municipally controlled milk stations, strict storage supervision and various other means to get at the root of the food situation and overcome abuses that have brought the cost of common necessities beyond the reach of the average family.

The new Wicks bill, while containing nearly all of these conditions, so modifies the powers of

the new commission provided in the bill that very little could actually be accomplished under it, and the net result would bring little relief.

Instead of actually putting into force the much needed activities, they are worded so as to "pass the buck" to merchants and producers.

WEAK POINTS IN NEW BILL POINTED OUT.

The most important paragraphs, for example, merely direct that—

"The new commission 'advise and co-operate in establishing local markets.'"

"Co-operate with producers in the conduct of experiments and disseminate information" as to selling farm products.

"Investigate and report to the Legislature" a plan for the supply of milk.

"Ascertain the names and addresses of producers," to publish same whenever in the judgment of the council the public interests require.

"Make such recommendations" as will stimulate the production of food.

"Act as mediator when jointly invited" between producers and distributors of foods.

"Investigate the conduct and methods of exchanges and boards of trade for the sale of food and make recommendations for the Legislature."

"Ascertain purity and economic values and analyze samples of food."

"Investigate as to deceptions in the quality of food."

"Co-operate with local departments" in preventing the sale of unwholesome foods.

"Collect and disseminate the source of food supply for the State."

"Collect and disseminate accurate data."

"Investigate and recommend useful methods of production, marketing and distribution of foods."

"Co-operate and aid farmers and other producers of food" in reaching advantageous markets.

"Acquire and disseminate information as to market prices of food."

"Acquire and publish useful information to facilitate transportation."

"Co-operate with Public Service Commissions" in the interest of transportation.

"Investigate and report to the Legislature" any combination as to fixed prices.

"Investigate the cost of food production and marketing."

Thus the entire bill is one of "investigate," "ascertain," "co-operate," "acquire knowledge."

Very little of definite plan for actual immediate operation is set forth in this bill.



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FOOD SPECULATORS PLAN TO PUT UP PRICES TO-DAY

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Solely for profit, food prices are to be forced up to-day by speculators and possibly by unscrupulous New York grocers, in preparation for the usually heavy Saturday purchases of housewives. The excuse will be the war situation.

Food Commissioner Dillon says that unless something is done immediately there will be unnecessary hardships forced on the people in addition to the real suffering possible in a short time from actual shortage.

The laws against conspiracy are difficult to invoke to stop extortion, but if the situation warrants, one man interviewed said he thought the old time Roman law should be invoked. That made death the penalty for unreasonable advances in the necessities of life.

So serious have conditions become in Chicago that Government officials are considering plans for Federal control of food supplies. Cash wheat sold yesterday for \$1.17 a bushel and May wheat advanced to \$2.07, closing near the top. These were the highest prices for wheat in history, being above the record price of 1916. To make matters worse, reports from the wheat belt are discouraging as to harvest.

Pork in Chicago sold at \$35.99 a barrel, an advance in one day of 85 cents. Hogs at the stockyards are selling at nearly \$3 a hundred pounds over that for the best cattle, the price being \$15.89 for hogs as compared with \$13.15 for beef. Eggs were offered at 36 to 38 cents per dozen, an unusually high price for this season. Large quantities were placed in storage by speculators.

Board of trade men in Chicago predict \$15 a barrel for flour and a consequent rise in the price of bread. Conservation measures are being advocated and some action may be expected as the result of the appointment of A. W. Shaw as Chairman of the Commercial Economy Board. He left Chicago for Washington last night.

"Our policy seems to encourage speculation and discourage production," said Commissioner Dillon to-day.

LOTS OF INVESTIGATION BUT LITTLE ACTION.

For example, the most important provision of terminal markets and storage houses reads as follows:

"Investigate as to the needs of terminal, dock and other distributing facilities for the delivery and distribution of foods at the centers of population and the establishment and operation of co-operative or public structures for the slaughter of animals and fowls for food purposes; and advise and co-operate with corporations and municipalities or other agencies to promote their establishment, construction or acquisition for the public use and make recommendations as to the conduct thereof, and when necessary recommend to the Legislature the enactment of remedial or enabling legislation therefor."

"Investigate the sources of food supply for the State, the production, transportation, storage, marketing and distribution of food sold, offered for sale, stored or held within the State, the cost of transportation to the leading centers of population and of distribution to the consumers."

Another provision which may make it possible to create combinations that may keep up prices reads as follows:

"Add in organization and operation of co-operative associations and corporations among producers and consumers for the purpose of securing more direct business relations and of facilitating exchange between them, and also aid and sanction the organization and operation of co-operative associations, corporations or other agencies for the purpose of increasing the production, improving the quality, grading and bringing together of farm products for wholesale marketing."

Thus the bill is generally conceded to accomplish very little. It is stated that the farmers are generally against it, and many of the legislators have expressed themselves that unless the bill is amended so as to put into operation sure remedial measures, they will not vote for it. There is no need of creating all this new machinery and organizing a new commission when there is enough existing law to accomplish the purpose.

WOOLING THE MUSE.

Absorbed in writing a patriotic poem at Atlantic City, a New York Judge let a burglar steal all the family jewels from an adjoining room.

BRONX NOTES.

The Park Republican Club will hold a meeting at its club rooms, No. 4778 Third Avenue, on the evening of April 10, at which Commissioner George H. Bell of the Department of Licenses will speak upon "The City's Regulation of Business." The meeting is public and all Bronx citizens have been invited. The club has over 800 members, including Borough President Douglas Mathewson, Park Commissioner Thomas Whittle, Congressman Bennett, Deputy State Treasurer James Hamilton, Assemblyman John Vule, T. Shannon, Louis F. Gautier, Aldermen Milligan, Veil and Wilmont, Edward Babcock, Peter Wynne, Charles Edward Jones, Richard W. Lawrence, Edward H. Henley, Jack Lane, Joseph Schmidt, Judge Campbell, Judge Patton, George A. Steinhilber and Richard Smith. The other speakers will be Peter Wynne, James Hamilton and Park Commissioner Whittle.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in. This lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen and beautifier.

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Boston, Dec. 2. Alford, Druggist, held by Court Here.

Dr. Frank J. Stoll of Boston was arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Hitchcock here as a fugitive from justice. Assistant Federal Attorney Rouse said Dr. Stoll about a year ago was indicted in Massachusetts on the charge that he had failed to record the sales of large quantities of opium and cocaine to traffickers in habit-forming drugs.

Just as Stoll was about to be tried, Mr. Rouse said, he disappeared. He was traced to Chicago and to this city where he was arrested Wednesday. He waived examination and was held in \$10,000 to await his return to Boston.

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